

Amended Claims

Sub a' 1. A material to be molded consisting of a porous material in which phenolic resin which is a condensating polymer of phenolic compound and aldehyde and/or aldehyde donor wherein said phenolic resin is partially or wholly sulrlphomethylated and/or sulfimethylated and said phenolic resin is at B-stage.

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Sub a' 2 3. A material to be molded in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said phenolic resin is produced by condensation of phenolic compound and aldehyde and/or aldehyde donor by using ammonia and/or amine.

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Sub a' 3 5. A material to be molded in accordance with Claim 1 or 3, wherein said material to be molded is in the shape of sheet.

6. A molded material consisting of a base sheet and a cured material of Claim 5 laminated partially or wholly on said base sheet as a surface layer wherein phenolic resin impregnated in said material of Claim 5 is cured.

7. An interior material consisting of a base which is a material in accordance with Claim 1 or 3 wherein phenolic resin impregnated in said material is cured and a surface layer laminated on the surface of said base.

8. An interior material in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said base sheet and said surface layer are

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bonded together by an adhesive dotted in the lamination interface.

9. A manufacturing method of material to be molded comprising preparing a precondensation polymer of phenolic compound and aldehyde and/or aldehyde donor which is partially or wholly sulfomethylated and/or sulfimethylated by adding a sulfomethylation reagent and/or a sulfimethylation reagent at any stage, impregnating said precondensation polymer solution into a porous material, and curing and drying said porous material to condensate slightly said precondensation polymer to make it at B-stage.

10. A method in accordance with Claim 9, wherein said precondensation polymer solution is foamed chemically and/or mechanically and said porous material is contacted with said foamed precondensation polymer solution and then said porous material is pressed to impregnate said foamed precondensation polymer solution into said porous material.

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12. A method in accordance with Claim 9 or 10, wherein said precondensation polymer of said thermosetting resin is phenolic precondensation polymer produced by condensation of phenolic compound and aldehyde and/or aldehyde donor by using ammonia and/or amine.

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